

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Saavedra et al.

Serial No. 08/837,812

Filed: April 22, 1997

Group Art Unit: 1615

Examiner: P. Kulkosky

For: Biopolymer-Bound Nitric Oxide-
Releasing Compositions, Pharmaceutical
Compositions Incorporating Same and
Methods of Treating Biological Disorders
Using Same

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 1999, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Office Action

The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement and a requirement for an election of species. Each requirement is traversed and discussed separately below.

The Restriction Requirement

The Office Action requires restriction of the prosecution to one invention as defined by the following two groups of patentably distinct claims:

Group I: claims 1, 5-15, and 19-27, drawn to nitric oxide group-containing copolymer compositions, classified in class 424, subclass 179.1, and

Group II: Claims 31-38, drawn to methods of treatment comprising the compounds of the invention set forth in the claims of Group I, classified in class 424, subclass 78.08.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants provisionally elect with traverse the invention of Group I for further prosecution.

Date: June 21, 1999

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ Petition For Extension Of Time
- ☒ Applicant(s) petitions for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, the fee for which is \$110.00 (enclosed).
- ☐ Applicant(s) believes that no petition for an extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, applicant(s) hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ Other:

The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$110.00 (extension fee) is attached.
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- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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